

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages iii - iv).

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on October 28, 2002, a Supplemental IDS was filed on December 16, 2002 and a Second Supplemental IDS was filed on March 7, 2003. Entry of the IDS's is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

Table 1 at page 30 has been amended to correct several minor typographical errors. The legend of Table 1 has also been amended to refer to strains of an organism (e.g., *C. glabrata*), rather than species, a clear error. No new matter.

Claim Amendments

Claims 12, 13 and 38 have been amended to correct several minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

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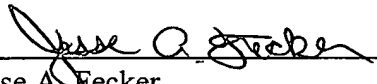
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Specification Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

Replace the table at page 30 with the below table marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the table.

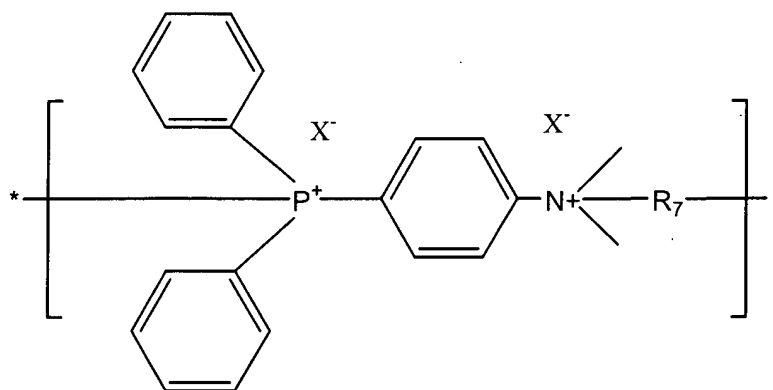
TABLE 1
Polymer MIC(ug/ml) [(Lowest concentration which inhibits growth)]

Formula #	S. aureus (ATCC 29213)	MRSA (5 strains) [(1)] ⁽¹⁾	GISA (5 strains) [(2)] ⁽²⁾	E. faecalis (ATCC 29212)	VRE (4 strains)	P. aeruginosa (ATCC 27853)	Candida*	B. cepacia	Oral pathogens **	C. difficile	H. pylori (Win)	E. coli (ATCC 25922)	S. marcescens
VIII	65	1-2	1	1	1-3	10.4	.65-1.3	41.5	nd	0.65	0.2	1.3	3
II	31	1.9	.125	.31	0.3	1.3	.3-2.6	5.2	nd	<0.16	0.2	.65	3
IV	65	2-3.8	nd	.65	2-2.6	2.6	.32-2.6	5.2	nd	nd	3	1.3	9
II	.8	1-2.6	nd	1	1-2	9	3-28	28	nd	nd	1	1	3
III	.4	4-1.8	nd	3	1-3	9	1-3	28	nd	nd	2	3	3
XII	31	3-0.5	nd	0.3	0.3	.31	.16-2.6	41.5	nd	nd	nd	2.6	3
XIX	65	1	0.5	1	1-3	.65	.3-2.6	41.5	<10	nd	1	2.6	3
XX	.3	2.2-3	16	1	1-3	1.3	2.6	5.2	<10	<0.16	0.4	1.3	3
XXIII	1	4-2.2	nd	1	1-3	9	3	9	nd	nd	1	3	3
IX+	1	nd	nd	0.3	nd	83	1-9	28	nd	nd	nd	3	28
	1	1	nd	3	3-20	83	1-9	9	nd	nd	0.7	3	9
	65	nd	8	1.25	nd	5.2	.65-1.3	5.2	<10	2.5	1.3	2.6	3

* 3 strains *C. glabrata* [spp], 6 strains *C. albicans* [spp], 2 strains *C. tropicalis* [spp], 2 strains *C. Krusei* [spp.], ** including: *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans*, *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Prevotella intermedia*, *Campylobacter rectus*, *Treponema denticola*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Fusobacterium nucleatum*, *Streptococcus gordonii*, and *Actinomyces viscosus*; ⁽¹⁾ methicillin [methicillin] resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*; ⁽²⁾ glycopeptide intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*; + (where R7 is butyl), ++ (where R7 is decyl), +++ (where R7 is dodecyl)

Claim Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

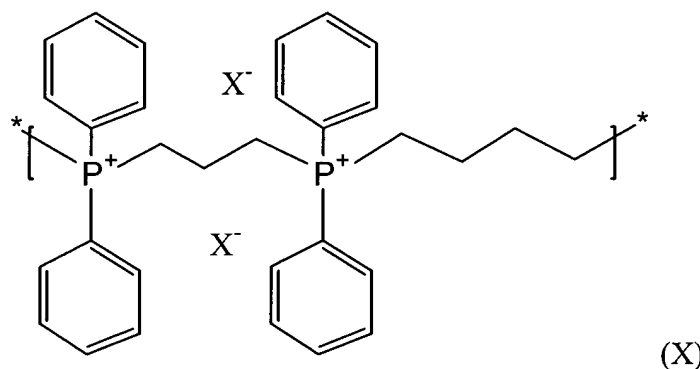
12. (Amended) The polymer or [of] copolymer of Claim 11, wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of the formula:



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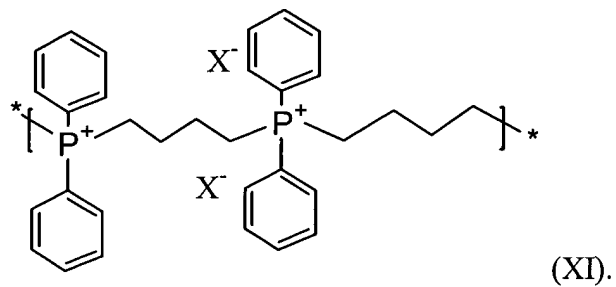
wherein R_7 is a substituted or unsubstituted lower alkylene group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms and each X^- , separately or taken together, is a physiologically acceptable anion.

13. (Amended) The polymer or [of] copolymer of Claim 11 wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of formula X or XI:



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38. (Amended) The polymer or copolymer of Claim [C laim] 36 wherein the polymer or copolymer is characterized by repeat units of formula XVI or XVII:

